Oursler's shot lifts UB women

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Cassie Oursler (Grand Island) scored a layup with 4 seconds to play, then cashed her free throw to complete the three-point play that gave the University at Buffalo women a 71-69 nonconference triumph over Duquesne (3-2) at the A.J. Palumbo Center in Pittsburgh on Tuesday afternoon.

The Bulls, the only undefeated team among Western New York Big 4 varsities, improved to 4-0 with a home game against Sacred Heart (Conn.) of the Northeast Conference coming up at 2 p.m. on Saturday in Alumni Arena.

UB never had the lead until Stephanie Reid hit a three-point shot for a 64-62 advantage with 2:39 to play. The Bulls' largest advantage was 68-64 with 1:43 left after a basket by Joanna Smith. The Dukes however took a 69-68 lead with five straight free throws, the last two by Amadea Szamosi with 11 seconds left.

Smith then got the ball inside to Oursler for the winning basket.

Reid led UB with 15 points. Oursler and Smith had 11 each. Freshman Summer Hemphill (Cardinal O'Hara) had six points, six rebounds and two blocked shots off the bench. Szamosi had 26 points and 10 rebounds for Duquesne.